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TO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: TGEN, NZ

SUBJECT:REMOVAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM ANTARCTICA

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REF: WELLINGTON 4487

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO FOCUS ON  
POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE SOIL REMOVAL QUESTION IN ANY DEALING  
WITH NZ MEDIA, AND CONCURS IN THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN  
PARA 4 OF THE REFTEL. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS ONE SPECIFIC  
MODIFICATION DICTATED BY THE FACT THAT A DETERMINATION OF  
WHAT CONSTITUTES "RADIOACTIVE WASTE MATERIAL" UNDER ARTICLE  
V OF ANTARCTIC TREATY HAS NOT BEEN MADE, AND MATTER OF  
LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IS UNNECESSARY TO RESOLVE. DEPARTMENT  
PROPOSES THAT THE FIRST SEVEN WORDS IN THE SENTENCE COM-  
PRISING PARA 4, SECTION C OF REFTEL BE DELETED AND THAT THE  
SENTENCE INSTEAD START AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE WHETHER OR NOT  
UNDER A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO DO SO, THE USG HAS GONE, ETC.

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2. THIS MODIFICATION OF THE PRESS GUIDANCE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED BY THE EMBASSY TO THE INFO ADDRESSEES ON REFTEL.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN QUERIED INFORMALLY TODAY BY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY AFTER STORY OF WASTE REMOVAL, FROM NZ PRESS SOURCES, PROMPTED A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION IN

AUSTRALIA WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF FACTS, E.G. THAT INTENTION TO REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FROM MCMURDO HAD BEEN NOTIFIED TO ANTARCTIC TREATY GOVERNMENTS IN 1974, AND ADVISED ALONG LINES OF PERTINENT GUIDANCE IN PARA 4, PARAS B AND C OF REFTEL (AS MODIFIED ABOVE). EMBASSY WELLINGTON IS REQUESTED TO REPEAT REFTEL TO EMBASSY CANBERRA. ROBINSON

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